

**REMARKS**

The present Amendment amends claims 1, 6 and 7, leaves claims 12 and 13 unchanged and adds new claim 14. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1, 6, 7 and 12-14.

Applicants' Attorney, the undersigned, wishes to thank Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) Reginald Bragdon and Examiner Leonid Kravets for the courtesy during the interviews of May 4, 2006 during which the April 14, 2006 Advisory Action and the issues remaining in the January 4, 2006 final Office Action were discussed. During such interviews, it was agreed that SPE Bragdon will direct Examiner Kravets to review the claims as amended by the April 4, 2006 Amendment and re-evaluate whether the position taken in the Advisory Action is appropriate. Applicants' Attorney, the undersigned, wishes to thank SPE Bragdon for reviewing this matter.

In addition during such interviews Applicants' Attorney informed SPE Bragdon that the present Amendment is being filed so as to correct minor errors in the claims as amended by the April 4, 2006 Amendment and to add a system claim corresponding to claim 1 as allowed by the Examiner Kravets.

Specifically, the present Amendment incorporates the April 4, 2006 Amendment after final in which Applicants attempted to place the application in condition for allowance as indicated by the Examiner Kravets in the January 4, 2006 Office Action and further amends claims 1, 6 and 7 to correct minor errors grammatical and editorial in nature discovered upon review. Thus, claims 1, 6, 7, 12 and 13 are allowable over the prior art of record for the same reasons as set forth in the Remarks of the April 4, 2006 Amendment, said Remarks being incorporated herein by reference.


New claim 14 which is directed to a computer system having active and standby computers each of which performs functions similar to those as set forth in claim 1 of the present application. Thus, new claim 14 recites the same features recited in claim 1 which have been determined by the Examiner to be allowable over the prior art of record. Therefore, new claim 14 is allowable over the prior art of record for the same reasons as claim 1.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 1, 6, 7 and 12-14 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1, 6, 7 and 12-13 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.43447X00).

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